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National Cemetery Administration**

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## Presidential Memorial Certificates

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold embossed paper certificate inscribed with the veteran's name that bears the President's signature. It honors the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

### HISTORY

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents.

### ADMINISTRATION

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program through the National Cemetery Administration.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligible recipients include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones.

### REQUESTS

A copy of the deceased veteran's military discharge document must be provided when requesting a PMC. Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may request a PMC in person at any VA Regional Office or through the U.S. mail or fax by writing to:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41A1C)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
5109 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-3903  
Telephone: (202) 565-4964  
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